

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

MURATA et al.

Art Unit: 1655

Application No.: **10/720,169**

Examiner: Meller, Michael V.

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Attorney Ref. No.: US-113

For: DRUG PRODUCT FOR INTESTINAL
DISEASE

Confirmation No.: 4324

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2005, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, three month(s) to April 7, 2006.

The period for response has previously been extended to .

Please charge the credit card identified in EFS-Web processing or our deposit account **50-2821** the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendency of this application to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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